

Application No.: 09/985,693

Docket No.: 21806-00143-US

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-57 remain pending in this application. Claim 26 is independent and generic to all the Examiner-specified species.

Claims 33, 34, and 46-49 have been withdrawn, as being drawn to the non-elected species. Claim 56 has been amended.

Claims 26-32, 35-45, and 50-57 are drawn to the elected species, i.e., contacts comprising solder, and are elected for further prosecution.

Applicants' election is made without traverse. As noted by the Examiner, and as provided by 37 CFR 1.146, these claims will be rejoined upon the allowance of a generic claim.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0456, under Order No. 21806-00143-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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